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1. AFTER INABILITY TO ELICIT RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRIES
TO MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY REGARDING POSSIBLE INTEREST
IN SUBJECT SEMINAR, WE RECENTLY APPROACHED STATE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST) REGARDING EVENT. AT OUR REQUEST
SCST HAS NOW SPOKEN WITH MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY,
MINISTRY FOR CHEMICAL AND PETROLEUM MACHINE BUILDING, AND
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE CONCERNING EVENT AND HAS INFORMED US THAT
THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND INDICATED THAT SCST
WILLING TO ACT AS CO-SPONSOR.

2. FOLLOWING CONTACT BY SCST, MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
HAS AT LONG LAST GIVEN US WRITTEN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR
SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED IN SEPTEMBER. MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT
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PROPOSED S/ME NOW HAS DEFINITE INTEREST AND RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING
U.S. FIRMS AS POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS: DUPONT, MONSANTO, DOW,
AMERICAN CYANAMIDE, STAUFFER, UNION CARBIDE, VELSICOL CHEMICAL,
FMC, ROHM AND HAAS, ALLIED. AS POSSIBLE SEMINAR TOPICS MINISTRY
SUGGESTS:

- A. NEW PESTICIDES AND PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT
- B. NEW METHODS OF SCREENING TAKEN IN USA IN STUDY OF NEW

CHEMICALS.

C. RATIONALIZATION SCHEMES FOR APPLICATION OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS WITH MINIMUM EXPENSURE OF LABOR AND CHEMICALS IN CONNECTION WITH GROWING OF COTTON, VEGETABLES, CORN AND WHEAT.

D. PRINCIPAL EPA REQUIREMENTS REGARDING USE OF MODERN PESTICIDES.

E. FEATURES OF PATENTING AND LICENSING PLANT PROTECTION CHEMICALS IN U.S. (TO BE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVE OF PATENT DEPARTMENT OF A LARGE U.S. CHEMICAL FIRM).

F. DISCUSSION OF TOXICOLOGICAL STUDIES INVOLVING EFFECTS OF CHEMICALS BOTH ON PEOPLE WORKING WITH THE CHEMICAL IN FIELD AND ON FACTORY PRODUCTION WORKERS. THIS WOULD RELATE SPECIFICALLY TO EXPERIENCE OF STAUFFER CHEMICAL.

3. MINISTRY'S LETTER WAS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT PRIMARY INTEREST FROM SOVIET SIDE WOULD INVOLVE SOME STRESSING AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS THEMSELVES RATHER THAN PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, AS SUGGESTED IN INITIAL REFTEL. OUR CONTACTS WITH REPS. FROM U.S. CHEMICAL FIRMS HAVE ALSO ELICITED STRONG INTEREST IN SOME ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY MINISTRY CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND THEY ARE CLEARLY NOT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN EVENT STRESSING PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT THEME OF HERBICIDE-PESTICIDE TSS BE SHIFTED FROM PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY TO EMPHASIS ON HERBICIDE AND PESTICIDE CHEMICALS THEMSELVES. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, BUDAPEST AND SOFIA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON VIABILITY OF INITIAL THEME PROPOSED AND ON OUR SUGGESTED CHANGES.

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